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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the letter of His Excellency Mr. Vladislav Jovanović Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Belgrade, 26 April 1994

In your letter of 31 March 1994 you conveyed NATO's denial of the violation of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by its military aircraft.

Without commenting the unconvincing character of this denial, I am compelled to inform you again that the NATO air forces controlling the airspace of former Bosnia-Herzegovina, continue to flagrantly violate the airspace of the FR of Yugoslavia:

On 14 April 1994, NATO aircraft violated the airspace of the FR of Yugoslavia three times:

- from 04:51-04:53 a.m. in the Peruca/Tara/area 5-6 km deep, at the altitude of 8,500 m,

- from 12:14-12:16 p.m. in the Zvornik-Krupanj area 15-20 km deep, at the altitude of 8,100 m, and

- from 01:19-01:24 p.m. in the Loznica-Zvornik area approximately 10 km deep at the altitude of 7,000 m.

These frequent violations of the airspace of the FR of Yugoslavia by NATO air forces are unacceptable and are carried out in excess of the mandate established under Security Council resolution 781 of 9 October 1992 on the no-fly zone in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They also constitute a serious provocation and pose a dangerous threat both to the peace process and peace and stability in the region.

The Government of the FR of Yugoslavia is greatly concerned over the continued practice of systematic violation of its airspace and wishes to draw attention to the fact that NATO and the United Nations, which have enlisted NATO forces in former Bosnia-Herzegovina, are assuming great responsibility for all the consequences of these acts.

Your Excellency will understand that these violations of the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia constitute a violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity and that they constitute an open threat to its security.

Particularly worrisome is the fact that these violations of the airspace of the FR of Yugoslavia are being made under the auspices of the United Nations and that, so far, the world Organization has taken no measures to prevent them.

Excellency,

Confident that you will understand and appreciate the facts that I have presented, I am writing to you to kindly request once again that you take appropriate measures, both within the United Nations and towards the NATO command to prevent further dangerous provocations.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ